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| Filed: January 18, 2002) <u>INFORMATION DISC</u> STATEMENT | <u>SCLOSURE</u> |
| For: Gum Resin as a Carrier for Topical Application) of Pharmacologically Active Agents) | |

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